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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A protective undergarment, comprising a first part and a second part attachable to and detachable from the first part:

the first part comprising an outer layer and an anchor layer;

the outer layer comprising a fabric layer shaped to conform to a buttock and leg region of a user;

the anchor layer comprising a fabric layer stitched to the outer layer and having a shape conforming to that of the outer layer, the anchor layer and the outer layer comprising separate fabrics; and

the second part comprising a pocketed sling forming a pocket for retaining a fluid absorbent pad, the pocketed sling being detachably coupleable to the anchor layer but not attachable directly to the outer layer, wherein when second part is attached to the first part, the pocketed sling is displaced inwardly toward a center of the anchor layer and inwardly from stitches joining the anchor layer and the outer layer, the pocketed sling extending from the anchor layer on the inner side of the undergarment when the undergarment is worn with the pocket facing inwardly away from the anchor layer;

wherein the pocketed sling is attachable to and detachable from the anchor layer by releasable fasteners on the pocketed sling and the anchor layer with the outer layer completely overlying the releasable fasteners on the anchor layer, and

wherein the releasable fasteners on the anchor layer are displaced inwardly from the stitches joining the anchor layer to the outer layer around the entire periphery of the anchor layer and all of the releasable fasteners on the anchor layer and the pocketed sling are displaced inwardly relative to the stitches joining the anchor layer and the outer layer when the pocketed sling is fastened to the anchor layer.

21. (Previously Presented) The protective undergarment as in claim 20, wherein the releasable fasteners comprise filamentary fasteners
22. (Previously Presented) The protective undergarment as in claim 20 wherein the releasable fasteners comprise snap fasteners.
23. (Canceled)
24. (Previously Presented) The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein the releasable fasteners on the anchor layer are located only adjacent opposite ends of the pocketed sling.
25. (Previously Presented) The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein releasable fasteners on the anchor layer are located between opposite ends of the pocketed sling.
26. (Previously Presented) The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein the anchor layer is attached to the outer layer adjacent opposite ends of the outer layer.
27. (Previously Presented) The protective undergarment of claim 26 wherein the pocketed sling is attached to the anchor layer adjacent to, but spaced from the opposite ends of the outer layer where the anchor layer is attached to the outer layer.
28. (Canceled).
29. (Previously Presented) The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein the anchor layer is attached to the outer layer only adjacent peripheral edges of the anchor layer and the outer layer.
30. (Previously Presented) The protective undergarment of claim 29 wherein the anchor layer is attached to the outer layer around the entire periphery of the anchor layer.
31. (Previously Presented) The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein the pocketed sling is attached to the anchor layer inwardly from peripheral edges of the outer layer.
- 32-33. (Canceled)
34. (Currently Amended) The protective undergarment of claim 20 wherein the second part initially includes a rectangular piece of material, wherein triangular corner portions ~~near corners~~ of the rectangular piece of material have been removed and remaining adjacent sides created by such removal being stitched together to form said pocket, an outer edge of the pocket being covered by an elastic strip.